larger number may be vaccinated especially in Cranganur where the number is so very small.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—We make it a rule to vaccinate every body. This will be done this year also.

Visha Vaidyasala—Vellarapilly—opening of.

197. **Mr. George Parakkal** *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that casualities due to snakebite is frequent in the villages of Vellarapilly;

(b) whether the Government will seriously consider the necessity of opening a Government Visha Vaidyasala at Vellarapilly?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) There is no information.

(b) Government have sanctioned a scheme to provide the State with trained Visha Vaidyans and the trained vaidyans are being given free supply of medicines for treatment. This scheme will be tried for some time more before new Visha Vaidyasalas are started.

Local holiday—Nemmara-Vallanghy Vela Festival.

198. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar** *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to declare the 20th of Meenam of every year a local holiday on account of the Nemmara-Vallanghy Vela festival to which great importance is attached by all sections of the public, as in the case of Pooram, Kongan Pada, and Bharani festivals in Trichur, Chittur and Cranganur, respectively?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government have no objection to consider the question if a representation is received from the public concerned.

Indian Evidence Act—application in Cochin.

199. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Will the Government state whether the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 is in force in Cochin?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—In the face of these provisions of the Evidence Act may I know how the various items of evidence adduced in cases Nos. 10 of 1110 on the file of the Special First Class Magistrate, Cranganur and of O. S. No. 166/09 on the file of the Anjikaimal District Court were ignored in the respective judgments without any mention whatsoever of their validity or non-validity?

Mr. President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—I am asking the reasons why they were ignored?

Mr. President.—That is a matter of opinion. And apart from that the question whether a court of law in the State followed certain provisions of the Act cannot be discussed on the floor of the House. You have to take it in appeal to a higher court.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Suppose I gave an evidence on a charge of murder in the Chief Court. I gave evidence that I was at that particular moment speaking with Sir Shanmukham. The court makes no mention of it and has not discussed that piece of evidence at all in the judgment. Is it the contention that when I am in jail accused of that murder charge, the Hon'ble the Deputy President cannot ask the Government why this particular evidence was ignored? Is it the point that such a question cannot be asked?

Mr. President.—In such a case we will sympathise with the Hon'ble Member and the executive Government in the exercise of their prerogative would release him.

Government Servants—participating in the management of private bodies—prohibition of.

൨൦൦. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി *(Muslims).*— താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

൧. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ സാമുദായിക സംഘങ്ങളിൽ ഭാരവാഹിത്വം വഹിക്കുവാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു നിരോധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വല്ല ഓർഡറും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

൨. ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ ഒരു കോപ്പി അച്ചടിച്ചു് മേശപ്പുറത്തു വയ്ക്കുമോ?

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